

certain technical changes; and generally relating to the Office of the Sheriff in Dorchester County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 2-309(k)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1989 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

2-309.

(k) (1) The Sheriff of Dorchester County shall receive an annual salary of \$45,000 [The Sheriff shall] AND be allowed the actual [cost of] OPERATING COSTS OF THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, INCLUDING the maintenance of automobiles [and the county jail].

(2) (I) The Sheriff shall appoint a chief deputy sheriff[, one assistant deputy sheriff, other deputies, and a jail matron if approved by the County Commissioners. A deputy or matron shall receive the compensation provided in the county budget].

(II) IF AN EMPLOYEE OF THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS APPOINTED AS CHIEF DEPUTY SHERIFF AND IS SUBSEQUENTLY REMOVED FROM THE CHIEF DEPUTY SHERIFF'S POSITION FOR OTHER THAN CAUSE, THE PERSON MAY RESUME THE EMPLOYMENT STATUS HELD PRIOR TO THE APPOINTMENT TO THE CHIEF DEPUTY SHERIFF'S POSITION.

(III) THE CHIEF DEPUTY SHERIFF SHALL:

1. PERFORM ALL DUTIES ASSIGNED BY THE SHERIFF; AND
2. IF THE SHERIFF IS TEMPORARILY INCAPACITATED OR THERE IS A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF, PERFORM ALL LEGAL FUNCTIONS OF THE SHERIFF.

[(2)](IV) If the Sheriff becomes incapacitated and the position of chief deputy SHERIFF is vacant, the County Commissioners shall appoint [a] AN ~~ACTIVE~~ ACTING chief deputy sheriff TO SERVE UNTIL THE SHERIFF IS REACTIVATED OR REPLACED.

(V) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL APPROVE THE SALARY OF THE CHIEF DEPUTY SHERIFF.

(3) (I) THE SHERIFF MAY APPOINT PROBATIONARY DEPUTY SHERIFFS, DEPUTY SHERIFFS, INVESTIGATORS, COMMUNICATIONS OFFICERS, SECRETARIES, SUPERVISORS, ADMINISTRATORS, AND OTHER STAFF AS APPROVED IN THE COUNTY BUDGET.